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Bobbie Phillips, daughter of Nancy Hawkins, K mart 3038, North Charleston, South Carolina.

Miss South Carolina National Teenager

Store reporter Debbie Quick

Bobbie Phillips was crowned Miss South Carolina National Teenager in Columbia, South Carolina recently. She is the daughter of Nancy Hawkins, bookkeeper at K mart 3038, North Charleston, South Carolina.

Bobbie is 15 years old and a junior at Hanahan High School where she is a varsity cheerleader.

In addition to being crowned Miss South Carolina, she also walked away with a trophy for being most photogenic.

In the talent portion of the pageant, Bobbie sang "Nobody" by Sylvia.

K mart 3038 was honored by having Bobbie give a preview of her song at a morning meeting.

In addition to the crown, Bobbie was awarded a four year tuition scholarship to Oklahoma City University, a full scholarship to the Barbizon School of Modeling, a \$1,000 cash scholarship, the official tiara, a banner, and two trophies.

Bobbie has other trophies to her credit. She won first place in television commercials and second place in photography at the Millie Lewis Modeling convention last year.

She was crowned Miss Hanahan High 1982 in her freshman year.

Bobbie plans to pursue a career in acting after she attends college.

The Miss National Teenager pageant will be held August 20 in Florida and televised nationwide.

Benefit Softball Tourney

Store reporter Jerry Hetrick

Hard work, good fun, and a worthy cause brought Georgia Distribution Center, Shandoah, Georgia employees together for an all-day softball tournament recently.

The tournament had its beginning when Kenny Hanson, 1st shift Repack, heard about an accident a fellow Repack employee's son had. Duck Ingram's 16 year old son Terry went swimming with his two brothers and a friend on May 1, 1983. Terry dove into the water and suffered a severe spinal injury which left him paralyzed.

Kenny asked fellow employees if they would be interested in holding a benefit tournament to help raise some of the money the Ingrams will need for the special equipment that will be

needed when Terry comes home from the hospital in three months. The more Ken talked the more enthusiastic the GEO employees became.

Ten teams, with 140 ballplayers, participated in the Terry Ingram Benefit Tournament. People from every shift volunteered to be scorekeepers, umpires and concession stand workers. They sold raffle tickets and the baked goods that were brought for a bake sale.

The participation of the employees shows the desire to help a member of the K mart family," said Ken Brockman, 2nd shift Plant Manager. Wives, husbands, brothers, sisters and children of the GEO employees were there to help in every way. "How can I help" and "keep the change" were words often heard that day.

Local merchants and businesses donated supplies and money.

Over \$2,000 was raised to help the family of Terry Ingram. Fellow employees are behind Duck and his family with emotional, spiritual and financial help. The Ingram family will all have to have training as physical therapists before Terry can come home. A special room will have to be added to the Ingram home to accommodate the equipment needed to care for Terry.

Ronnie Goodman, 2nd shift Repack, summed up the day. "It makes me feel good and makes me proud to know that I am part of a group like this."



Tammi Runyon, left, and Fred Pearl, center, display their "Boss of the Year" plaques as they are congratulated by store manager Don Statham of K mart 4146, Everett, Washington.

Boss of the Year

Store reporter Shirley Warner

Fred Pearl, shoe department manager at K mart 4146 Everett, Washington, was recently elected Boss of the Year by Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA).

This is the organization that gives high school students business experience and guidance while earning credits toward graduation.

Pearl has been with K mart for eight years. During those years he has hired four DECA students, as he believes it to be a worthwhile program and is glad to be part of it.

Tammi Runyon from Everett High School has worked for Fred for 14 months. She nominated him for the award and said, "Fred makes us all work very hard, but we like doing it because Fred's the kind of guy you want to do a good job for. In a way, I wish I didn't have Fred for my first boss because I'm sure that all my bosses in the future might not be as excellent as Fred Pearl has been for the 14 months I've worked for him."

History Awards for Part-Timer Phyllis Shirley

Staff at 9054



Phyllis Shirley, K mart 9054, Union City, Tennessee.

Phyllis Shirley who works part-time in the cash office at K mart 9054, Union City, Tennessee, recently graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

She was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi national honor society and the National Political Science Honor Club. She received the Departmental History Award and the Tennessee Historical Commission Award.

She is continuing her education at the University of Tennessee and also her employment at 9054.



Mike Fritz of K mart 4396, Santa Clara, California, as Darth Vader.

Darth Vader Visits K mart

Store reporter Rich Kirvin

The empire struck K mart 4396, Santa Clara, California when the villainous Darth Vader paid a visit. He was at the store to promote the new "Return of the Jedi" merchandise and have the engineers at nearby Silicon Valley make repairs on the infamous Death Star space ship.

The whole affair was arranged by assistant manager Mike Reynolds, who wanted to stir up some excitement to tie in with the opening of the latest Star Wars saga. He had no idea the response would be so great. When Darth Vader made his entrance, there were over 100 children and adults waiting for him.

During his three-hour stay, 4395 sold out of almost every Star Wars related item.

Camera manager, six-foot, six-inch Mike Fritz played the part of Darth Vader so well that some of the employees were heard to say, "Thank you force shopping our K mart".